

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07-01
ESTABLISHING THE HAWAII INNOVATION COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, an active relationship between the State government and its citizens is essential to identify important issues and priorities that should be addressed by State government;

WHEREAS, the national Council on Competitiveness has found that innovation will be the single most important factor in determining America's success through the twenty-first century and the National Governors Association has made "Innovation America" its priority for 2007;

WHEREAS, an innovation economy that drives economic growth and high-quality job creation will be fueled by new ideas that originate from research and then move to application and commercial development;

WHEREAS, a vibrant economy based on innovation will allow Hawaii to sustain its rich and unique heritage and culture, while providing abundant, attractive, high-income employment options;

WHEREAS, the health and expansion of Hawaii's future economy will depend on taking full advantage of research and technology and their application in and adoption across all of Hawaii's industry sectors;

WHEREAS, to have the most impact, economic development and innovation initiatives are long-term efforts that require coordination of diverse community efforts;

WHEREAS, innovation councils are currently fostering and stimulating successful technological innovation and economic development throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, section 26-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the Governor of the State of Hawaii to establish boards and commissions as the Governor "may deem necessary to gather information or furnish advice for the executive branch" and to prescribe the board or commission's organization, functions, and authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of Hawaii, pursuant to the provisions of section 26-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, do hereby establish a temporary board to be known as the Hawaii Innovation Council, and further order as follows:

1. The purpose of the Hawaii Innovation Council is to provide advice and recommendations on matters involving Hawaii's innovation policies and to facilitate coordinated initiatives and follow-through on all matters involving and affecting innovation.

2. The Hawaii Innovation Council shall:

(a) Serve as the principal advisory group to the Governor and the State on innovation policy issues facing the State and on specific measures and actions that the State can take to improve its capacity for innovation;

(b) Provide leadership in coordinating local, State, federal, and private sector organizations, including the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the State Department of Education, and Hawaii's colleges and universities to increase the positive economic impact of Hawaii's innovation assets, resources, and networks;

(c) Develop, build support for, and periodically update plans to foster an innovation-based economy and the growth of science and technology in Hawaii;

(d) Provide oversight of the implementation of the aforementioned plans and recommend policies and programs to enhance and encourage innovation and technology for Hawaii;

(e) Survey and provide recommendations for the further support of innovation initiatives already in place;

(f) Provide a forum for ideas to enable Hawaii to become a global leader in innovation and technology research, development, and product creation;

(g) In response to changing global economic conditions, recommend possible re-orientation of Hawaii's innovation initiatives, including its technology programs;

(h) Analyze and recommend the adoption of innovation “best practices” worldwide;

(i) Through partnerships and information sharing, play a leading role in shaping and adapting Innovation policy throughout the State;

(j) Identify any gaps in the State's pipeline of future science and technology areas and recommend bridging solutions;

(k) Coordinate an assessment of the ability of the State's institutions of higher learning to support the transition to an innovation-based economy and make recommendations that help align higher education with the State's economic development goals;

(l) Monitor and assist in assessing the implementation of existing innovation policies and programs and make recommendations on improving their effectiveness; and

(m) Perform and conduct all other activities necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Executive Order.

3. The Hawaii Innovation Council shall be comprised of fifteen (15) voting members appointed by the Governor. The Governor will encourage members of the community to nominate persons for this Council. All members serve at the pleasure of the Governor and may include:

(a) Senior-level private sector business leaders, representing Hawaii's traditional primary industries, such as visitor, construction, defense, and property development;

(b) Senior-level business leaders from Hawaii's emerging innovation sectors, such as biotechnology and healthcare, dual-use, ocean and earth sciences, astronomy and optics, agriculture, and film and creative media;

(c) Members representing professional services sectors, such as finance, venture capital, accounting, and marketing;

(d) Cultural and natural resources leaders representing the diversity of ethnic heritages and cultural understandings within Hawaii; and

(e) The President of the University of Hawaii and the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

The members may conduct meetings in connection with the purposes of the Council by forming committees with nonmembers as agreed by the Council.

4. The members of the Hawaii Innovation Council shall serve without compensation and shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities under this Executive Order. The Governor shall appoint replacement members as necessary.

5. The Governor shall designate the chairpersons. Members may create other offices and elect other subordinate officers, or form any subject matter committees, as they deem appropriate. Nonmembers may be invited by members to serve on Council committees. All matters before the Council shall be determined by simple majority vote.

6. The Hawaii Innovation Council shall be administratively attached to the High Technology Development Corporation, which shall serve as the Council's Secretariat.

7. The Hawaii Innovation Council shall meet no less than quarterly to complete its duties and responsibilities on a timely basis, to discuss and assess progress, and make recommendations on Hawaii's innovation policies and programs. The meetings shall be subject to the Sunshine Law, part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. A majority of the members of the Hawaii Innovation Council shall constitute a quorum to do business and to validate any decision or act of the Hawaii Innovation Council. The Hawaii Innovation Council shall submit a written report of its activities and recommendations to the Governor and, if requested, to the Legislature annually.

8. The Hawaii Innovation Council may be terminated upon completion of its duties and responsibilities, but no later than the last day of the second regular session of the Legislature after the date of this Executive Order, unless extended by concurrent resolution of the Legislature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be
affixed the Great Seal of the State of Hawaii.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,

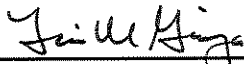
State of Hawaii; this 15th

day of June, 2007.



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LISA M. GINOZA
Acting Attorney General